

Remarks

In the action dated September 25, 2003, claim 3, 9, 11, 20, 24, 28, 34-36, 41 and 47 were rejected under 35 USC 112 and/or for being obvious; claims 1, 2, 4-8, 43-46 and 49-51 were allowed, and claims 12-17, 25, 27, 32, 33, 37-40, 42 and 48 were indicated as allowable if rewritten.

New claims 52-62 have been added. Claims 9, 11, 20, 24, 34-36, 41 and 47 are canceled above in order to expedite issuance of a patent on this application, without prejudice of any kind, and specifically reserving the right to argue the patentability of such claims in one or more later applications. Claims 1-8, 12-17, 25, 27-28, 32-33, 37-40, 42-46, and 48-62 are now pending.

Claims 1-2 and 4-8 are allowed per the action.

Dependent claim 3 was rejected under 35 USC 112 based upon the premise that the specified angle of 180 degrees is technically incorrect. However, applicant notes that in the illustrated embodiment of Fig. 17 the locking bracket 106 is in fact spaced 180 degrees from the first and second mounting brackets. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 3 is requested.

Claims 12 and 14 have each been rewritten in independent form to include the features of claim 9, and both claims are therefore allowable as suggested in the action. Dependent claims 13 and 15-17 are therefore also allowable. New claim 52 depends from allowable claim 12, and therefore is likewise allowable. New claims 53 and 54 depend from allowable claim 14, and therefore are likewise allowable.

Claim 25 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of claims 24 and 34, and therefore is allowable as suggested in the action.

Claim 27 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of claim 34, and therefore is allowable as suggested in the action. Claim 28 has been amended to depend from claim 27 and to correct the 112 deficiency, and therefore is also allowable.

Claim 32 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of claim 41, and therefore is allowable as suggested in the action. New claim 55 depends from claim 32 and therefore is also allowable.

Claim 33 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of claim 41, and therefore is allowable as suggested in the action. New claim 56 depends from claim 33 and therefore is also allowable.

Claim 37 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of claims 36 and 34, and therefore is allowable as suggested in the action. New claim 57 depends from claim 37 and therefore is also allowable.

Claim 38 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of claim 41, and therefore is allowable as suggested in the action. Dependent claim 39 is also allowable per the action.

Claim 40 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of claim 41, and therefore is allowable as suggested in the action. New claim 58 depends from claim 40 and therefore is also allowable.

Claim 42 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of claim 41, and therefore is allowable as suggested in the action. New claim 59 depends from claim 42 and therefore is also allowable.

Claims 43-46 are allowed per the action. New claim 60 depends from claim 44 and therefore is also allowable.

Claim 48 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of claim 47, and therefore is allowable as suggested in the action. Applicants note that claim 48 has also been modified to consistently use the terminology "bowl body." New claim 61 depends from claim 48 and therefore is also allowable.

Claims 49-51 are allowed per the action. New claim 62 depends from claim 49 and therefore is also allowable.

Conclusion

Based upon the foregoing, applicants submits all claims are in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions regarding this response or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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